

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY**

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**D.T.E. 02-56**

**DIVISION OF ENERGY RESOURCES' FIRST SET OF  
INFORMATION REQUESTS  
October 25, 2002**

**Instructions**

For the purpose of the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources' ("DOER") First Set of Information Requests ("Requests"), any reference to the "Company" or "Berkshire" shall mean the Berkshire Gas Company. Any references to "Boundary" shall mean Boundary Gas, Inc., a FERC-regulated consortium of Northeast U.S. location distribution companies formed in 1980.

DOER requests that Berkshire submit complete and detailed responses to all Requests and include with such Responses all relevant documentation.<sup>1</sup>

Please provide each response on a separate page with the following:

- 1) a reference to the DTE docket number;
- 2) a recitation of the Request to which Berkshire is responding (including the information request identification/reference number; e.g. DOER 1-1), and;
- 3) The identification and business title and address of the person responding to the Request.

In order to expedite the review of the responses, please provide the responses as they are completed. Please do not wait for the completion of all responses.

DOER also requests that Berkshire provide supplemental responses to these Requests if Berkshire develops or obtains additional information within the scope of said Requests subsequent to the provision of the initial responses and prior to the close of the record in DTE 02-56.

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<sup>1</sup> "Documentation" includes, but is not limited to, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated, if necessary, by Berkshire, through detection devices, into reasonably useable form.

If any of these Requests are ambiguous or need clarification in any way, please notify George Simmons, Division of Energy Resources, at 617-727-4732 ext. 130 in order to clarify the Request(s) prior to the preparing the response.

DOER-1-1: When did Berkshire initially evaluate its decision to renew or terminate its Boundary supply contract?

DOER-1-2: Please provide the Tennessee transportation contract(s) that will be relied upon to transport the EnCana supply to Berkshire's city gates, including all amendments and revisions to said contract(s).

DOER-1-3: Please explain, in evaluating alternative supply resources as most effective and least-cost to Berkshire, whether Berkshire included in its analysis the transportation cost(s) associated with transporting gas to Berkshire's city gates. If such cost(s) were included, please explain the methodology employed.

DOER-1-4: Did Berkshire renew, rollover, extend, or modify the Tennessee transportation contract(s) relied upon to transport the EnCana supply to Berkshire's city gates? If so, please identify such renewals, rollovers, extensions, or modifications changes, including the effective date(s).

DOER-1-5: Please provide all Department Orders approving the Tennessee transportation contract(s), including all revisions and amendments to such contract(s). If no Orders or other approvals were issued by the Department, please explain the absence of such Orders or approvals.

DOER-1-6: When did Berkshire initially evaluate its decision to renew, extend, or rollover its Tennessee transportation contract(s)?

DOER-1-7: When did Berkshire notify marketers of the possibility that it would change its supply resource portfolio?

DOER-1-8: Please provide all web site postings, including all notifications, information, and correspondence by or between Berkshire and marketers relating to Berkshire's decision to contract with EnCana and to renew, extend, or rollover the Tennessee transportation contract(s).

DOER-1-9: Please provide all information and correspondence by and between Berkshire and marketers relating to the results of the final resource contracts.

DOER-1-10: Does Berkshire conduct an annual meeting, or any other regularly scheduled meeting, with marketers to discuss Berkshire's resource plans and upcoming resource decisions? If such a meeting has been or were to be conducted, what were the costs or what would the costs be?

DOER-1-11: Would Berkshire be agreeable to voluntarily conducting one regular, annual meeting with marketers to discuss resource planning and resource decisions? If so, would Berkshire agree to memorialize such agreement in its tariff?

DOER-1-12: Did Berkshire issue an RFP to any marketers providing service to customers within its service territory? If so, please identify all such marketers. If not, please explain why such RFP was not issued.